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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clallam County

In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Brianna S. Larson** (NA60181693). She entered into a deferred sentence for the charge of theft.

Clark County

In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Matthew H. Erickson** (NA60145586) and placed his registration on probation for one year. He was convicted of two counts of indecent exposure in 2004. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In December 2010 the Massage Program granted the application of **Amelia Courtney Soto** (MA60168774) and placed restrictions against her license. She was convicted of theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In December 2010 the Nursing Commission placed the license of registered nurse **Fairuza M. Stevenson** (RN00139022) on probation for two years. She failed to follow a physician's orders when caring for a patient, and failed to contact the physician when she had concerns about the patient's medication. She placed the patient at an unreasonable risk of harm. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

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Grant County

In December 2010 the Board of Pharmacy granted the application of pharmacist **Richelle Marian Kubicki** (PH60184852) and placed conditions against her license. Conditions were placed against her license to practice as a pharmacist in Texas. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Grays Harbor County

In December 2010 Licensed Social Worker Program granted the application of social worker associate **Robin G. Weinstein** (SC60173235) and placed her credential on probation. Terms and conditions were placed against her registered counselor credential.

King County

In December 2010 the Medical Commission granted the application of physician **Raffi V. Chemsian** (MD60187972) and placed his license on probation. The basis for the probation was an order setting conditions against his license to practice as a physician in New York. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license in Washington.

In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Hagosa T. Ghile** (NC10061198) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly transferred a patient by herself when the patient's care plan specified she was a two-person transfer.

In December 2010 the Medical Commission placed the license of physician **Charles W. Huffine** (MD00013207) on probation for five years. The care he provided fell below the standard when treating a minor for drug abuse, and he failed to disclose information to the parents about the severity of the patient's addiction.

In December 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Gayle A. Reed** (RN00071234) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly forged a patient's signature. She also allegedly may not be able to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

In December 2010 the Medical Commission placed the license of physician **R. Graham Reedy** (MD00014991) on probation for three years. The care he provided allegedly fell below the standard while treating patients and performing heart and lung exams. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In December 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program denied the application of **Sandra Eve Stroud** (HC60120768). She was terminated from a prior job due to a complaint that she was diverting phenergan from her employer.

In December 2010 the Medical Commission reinstated the license of physician **William J. Washington** (MD00046967) and placed it on probation for four years. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

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In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Maylee B. Vo** (NC60156056) and placed her certification on probation for one year. She was convicted of theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

Kitsap County

In December 2010 the Medical Commission placed the license of physician assistant **Jesse T. Fenger** (PA10005297) on probation. The basis for the probation was the suspension of his license to practice as a physician assistant in Alaska. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license in Washington.

Pierce County

In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Victoria P. Infante** (NC10019270) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In December 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Craig R. Patton** (RN00084805) with unprofessional conduct. After withdrawing medication for patients, Patton allegedly failed to administer, failed to document administration, failed to document wastage, or diverted the medications.

Spokane County

In December 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Pamela Jo Moon** (CO60163900) and placed her registration on probation until June 2011. Terms and conditions were placed against her registered counselor credential.

In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program released certified nursing assistant **Mysti R. Snyder** (NC10036904) from terms and conditions set against her certification.

In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Patricia Jo Terry** (NA60093861) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of being in physical control of a vehicle while intoxicated.

In December 2010 the Massage Program granted the application of **Dung T. To** (MA60179972) and placed restrictions against his license for two years. He was convicted of residential burglary. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Stevens County

In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Luis G. Aldaba** (NA60165445, NC60175380) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly engaged in a verbal altercation with a resident.

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Thurston County

In December 2010 the Mental Health Counselor Program released **Laura Yvonne Gustavson** (LH60083789) from terms and conditions set against her license.

In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against **Haviela S. Patino** (NA60120450).

Whatcom County

In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the credentials of **Adrea A. Knezek** (NA60141263, NC60176860) and placed them on probation for two years. She was convicted of unlawful possession of payment instruments, possession of methamphetamine, minor in possession and/or consumption of alcohol, and theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her credentials.

In December 2010 the Medical Commission released physician **Roger E. Sharf** (MD00029218) from terms and conditions set against his license. Dr. Sharf's license is unrestricted in Washington.

Whitman County

In December 2010 the Licensed Mental Health Counselor Program granted the application of **Lori Woodward Bobo** (LH60168278) and placed conditions against her license. An evaluation concluded she could practice safely under certain conditions. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Out of State

Oregon: In December 2010 the Medical Commission terminated the final order against physician **Timothy M. Brown** (MD00019836). Dr. Brown's license is unrestricted in Washington.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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